

Seattle HIV/AIDS Planning Council

Minutes ☿ November 5, 2007

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Safeco Jackson Street Center

Council Members Present: *Amy Bauer, Madeline Brooks, Charlie Curvin, Shireesha Dhanireddy, Brandie Flood, Bill Hall, Kieu-Anh King, Gerrie LaQuey, Higinio Martinez, Andrew Murphy, Kris Nyrop, Ron Padgett, Jodie Pezzi, Tony Radovich, David Richart, German Rodriguez, Pam Ryan, Erick Seelbach, Luis Viquez, Bob Wood*

Council Applicants Not Yet Approved by the Executive, Present: Samuel Andrews, Kathleen Elling, Arthur Padilla, Kevin Patz.

Committee Members Absent: *Richard Aleshire, Heath Bouldin, Jim Elliott*

Planning Council Staff Present: Jesse Chipps, Harnik Gulati, Natalia Ospina (minutes)

Health Department Staff Present: Barb Gamble, Jeff Natter, Hanna Thiede, Jim Kent,

Guests: Justin Hahn (Washington State Department of Health), Dennis Bookhart, Warren Leyh (UW School of Social Work intern), Nina Kahm (UW School of Social Work intern), David Lee (AIDS Education and Training Center, applicant for membership), Melinda Giovengo (YouthCare, applicant for membership), Eric Miles (applicant for membership)

Italics denote Planning Council Membership.

I. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Jesse began the meeting by having all members and guests introduce themselves.

Jesse noted that Kieu-Anh King and Gerrie LaQuey have been approved by the King County Executive, and can therefore vote. The potential members approved at the last meeting (Samuel Andrews, Kevin Patz, Arthur Padilla, Kate Elling and Sarah Kent) have not yet been appointed, so cannot vote.

Amy Bauer announced that a HIV Case Reporting brown bag will take place on November 27th in the Yesler Building.

Natalia announced that she had emailed members regarding the food selection at Council meetings, and requested that members provide her with feedback.

[Arthur Padilla and David Richart arrived at 4:02 p.m.]

II. Meeting Agenda

☑ The agenda was approved as written by acclamation.

III. October Meeting Minutes

☑ The October minutes were approved as written by acclamation.

IV. Grantee Updates

Barb Gamble reported that prevention planning staff are currently negotiating contracts for the 2008-2009 contract period. The application period for the IDU rebid has ended, and 4 applications were received. Public Health has been able to get an outside reviewer to sit on the allocation panel which will review these proposals. Prevention staff have conducted a bidder's conference for the Black MSM/Latino MSM rebid, which was attended by two potential applicants. Applications are due on November 28th. Because of the time required for reviewing applications, selecting a vendor and negotiating a contract, services will probably not start by January 1st.

Jeff Natter reported that he has completed the FY 2008 Ryan White Part A application. Per the Council's approval, he requested additional funds for endodontic care, and a full year of respite house funding. The total request was for \$5,954,238. Jeff anticipates that we won't learn about the award until the beginning of the contract year (March), but hopes that the supplemental award will be announced before three months into the contract year, as it was in 2007. In Quality Management, Becca Hutcheson is finalizing materials for the QI trainings on December 7th and 12th. All Ryan White Part A contracted agencies are required to attend.

[Kevin Patz arrived at 4:07 p.m.]

V. Early Intervention Steering Committee (EIP)

Members were reminded that a consumer Council member was needed to fill Dennis Bookhart's vacant seat on the EIP Steering Committee. Ron Padgett stated he would be willing to fill the position as long as he was provided with mentoring. No other members of the Council volunteered to fill the position.

☑ Ron was approved as one of the Council's two EIP representatives, by acclamation.

VI. Membership Committee Report

Gerrie LaQuey reported that the Membership Committee had not met since the last Council meeting. However, they did have one new member to propose, and some vacancies to announce. The vacancies are for:

- A mental health provider
- Foreign Born Black consumers, providers and community members
- Female consumers
- White male consumers

Membership candidate Melinda Giovengo reintroduced herself to the Council. She is the Executive Director of YouthCare and has been working for 25 years in social services in Seattle, primarily with youth and young adults. She is interested in being part of the process and supporting issues related to youth. Council members had no questions for Melinda.

MOTION: David Richart made a motion to approve Melinda Giovengo for Council membership; Higinio Martinez seconded the motion.

☑ Melinda Giovengo was approved for Council membership unanimously (16). Her name will be forwarded to the King County Executive for appointment.

[Charlie Curvin arrived at 4:13 p.m.]

Jesse announced that she had just received a letter of resignation from Rob Carroll, who is resigning due to increased work load in his new position at the AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC). David Lee, who was among the guests present, has applied to take his position as the AETC representative. Jesse requested that both David Lee and Eric Miles, candidates for the Council, introduce themselves. Jesse noted that Eric will be interviewed at tomorrow's Membership Committee meeting and would fill the position of a Recently Incarcerated PLWH.

David Lee informed the Council that he has taken over Rob's old position at the AETC, and previously served on the Planning Council for the Houston, Texas EMA. He has also served on the Seattle Planning Council's Standards of Care Committee.

Eric stated that he had just finished his federal prison sentence (is currently on parole) and is having first-hand experience in the system. Additionally, he has experience working in social services, and transitional housing. He is interested in what is going on at the Council and would like to participate in the process.

VII. AACT Committee Report

Higinio Martinez reviewed Bill Hall's profile contained in the Council packet. Bill noted that Council members spend a lot of time together, but in many cases don't really get to know each other. To address this issue, Bill came up with the idea to create Council profiles for all members.

🗨 ACTION ITEM: Council members were requested to submit their profile question responses, pictures and favorite quote to Natalia.

VIII. Questions Regarding IDU

At the last Council meeting, Kris Nyrop requested the following data:

- 1) The current best estimate of the number of IDU and the number of MSM IDU in King County**
- 2) The number of Meth injectors in King County**
- 3) The total money allocated to prevention targeting stimulant users (MSM IDU and MSM non-IDU)**

Hanna Thiede presented on answers to the first two questions. She noted that Public Health developed an estimate of non-MSM injectors in King County in the early 1990s. This was done through meetings with a panel of population experts and all available literature. The current estimate using this methodology is 15,000 non-MSM IDU currently injecting. She cautioned that this is an estimate. This is a very isolated and disenfranchised population, and there is no way to have an exact number.

Using this methodology, Hanna gave the estimate for MSM injectors to be 1,575. They estimate that 3,150 MSM have injected at some point in their lives (since 1977 when the data started being collected), but not all of these people are actively injecting now.

To answer the second question, how many injectors are injecting meth, epidemiologists looked at other studies that have been done since the early 1990s. She noted that each study has limitations with regard to recruitment. There are no official estimates that have been published, but the unofficial working estimate is that there are 3,500 meth injectors who are non-MSM, and 750 MSM meth injectors. Another survey puts the total meth injector population at 4,500. Hanna noted that, while these two things don't add up, both are estimates, and are very rough estimates, based on limited surveys.

Kris noted that, if these estimates are correct, then about 47% of MSM/IDU inject meth, while 23% of non-MSM IDU inject meth. Hanna said that studies showed an upward trend of meth injection among all IDU over time. Kris noted that during this time, he has noticed a decline in the number of IDU who inject cocaine. Hanna said that information was handed out as part of the prevention prioritization.

[Luis Viquez and Madeline Brooks arrived at 4:36 p.m.]

Barb presented information on funding. She noted that, for many programs (like needle exchange) funding is not broken out by stimulant versus opiate injection. While data on funding was presented to the prioritization committee during the last prioritization, one thing that was not included was the amount of funding (outside of what is paid for by Ryan White and Omnibus dollars) goes to support methadone vouchers, so this information is new. David Fleming asked this question when the issue of the recommendation from the allocation panel came up. Only about 4% of funding for methadone vouchers comes from AIDS Omnibus, and 2% from Ryan White.

Kris clarified that his question asked what the total amount of HIV prevention money being spent on stimulant users (both MSM/IDU and other IDU—both injectors and non-injectors) is. Barb clarified that there is one program for stimulant users (which targets MSM who are both injectors and non-injectors). That program (NEON at Seattle Counseling Services) is funded at \$500,000 over a two year period from both the MSM/IDU pot and the White MSM pot. For non-MSM (injectors only), the rebid will be for \$242,750 for two years.

Kris noted that his motivation in asking these questions was to help the Council get a better picture of how many dollars were going to stimulant versus opiate users, and how this will change if the re-bid money is also targeted to stimulant users. He was concerned that this was his concern, but not that of other Council members. However, several members indicated that they thought this was an important point.

Hanne noted that amphetamine injectors use the needle exchange, but much less so than opiate injectors. There are no needle exchanges in south and east King County, however, many make the trip to needle exchanges. Over half of the non-stimulant IDU, and 9% of stimulant IDU in south King County access the needle exchange. Those numbers are 60% and 16% in east King County, respectively. These numbers were taken from a 2005-2006 KIWI study that recruited injectors in the Seattle & Kent jails as well as recently incarcerated IDU. Hanne noted that it was very difficult to engage recently incarcerated amphetamine injectors in south King County to participate in the study because they were not accustomed to accessing Public Health services.

Jim Kent noted that surveillance data tell us who are infected, but they don't tell us what drugs people are injecting. He added that Hanne's studies typically aren't able to estimate who are and are not infected. Hanne noted that the MMP study, which is just now getting underway, will get that information. The KIWI study implied that the seroprevalence was low in MSM IDU, however, non-MSM HIV-positive IDU were indistinguishable from non-positive IDU.

🔊 **ACTION ITEM:** *Council members requested that both Hanne and Barb create tables summarizing the information covered in the meeting.*

IX. AACT Committee Report

Bill reported that the AACT Committee will be hosting a Bylaws 101 presentation at the next AACT meeting. The Council will be voting on the bylaw revisions soon.

X. Other Business/ Next Meeting

Jesse announced that Dr. Fleming will be attending the January Planning Council meeting, and requested that members come up with questions for him.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2007 4:00 – 6:30 pm at the 2100 Building – 2100 24th Avenue South, Seattle, 98144

The meeting was adjourned.